

**IN THE CLAIMS**

1-25 (Withdrawn).

26. (Previously Presented) A finishing device for tools' surfaces comprising a block designed to abrade, cut or otherwise finish surfaces of said tools, said block having at least two components which, when brought together, form a single block structure containing a finishing cavity, disposed therein, said cavity comprising at least a portion of a negative image surface of a portion of said tool to be finished, said cavity further comprising at least one groove formed inside said cavity, for receiving a distal end of said tool or instrument for the purpose of finishing said distal end when said tool is moved relative to said at least one groove, said at least one groove having an active, cutting surface for finishing said distal end.

27. (Previously Presented) The finishing device in accordance with claim 26, wherein said active, cutting surface is disposed adjacent to a relief surface for capturing cutting residues or discharging residues from said tool.

28. (Previously Presented) The finishing device in accordance with claim 26, wherein said active, cutting surface comprises a curvilinear-shaped wall.

29. (Cancelled )

30. (Currently Amended) A finishing device for tools' surfaces comprising a block designed to abrade, cut or otherwise finish surfaces of said tools, said block having at least two components which, when brought together, form a single block structure containing a finishing cavity, disposed therein, said cavity comprising at least a portion of a negative image surface of a portion of said tool to be finished, at least one groove for receiving a distal end of said tool or instrument for the purpose of finishing said distal end when said tool is moved relative to said groove, said at least one groove having an active, cutting surface for finishing said distal end,

wherein said active, cutting surface is disposed adjacent to a relief surface for capturing cutting residues or discharging residues from said tool.

31. (Previously Presented) A finishing device for tools' surfaces comprising a block designed to abrade, cut or otherwise finish surfaces of said tools, said block having at least two components which, when brought together, form a single block structure containing a finishing cavity, disposed therein, said cavity comprising at least a portion of a negative image surface of a portion of said tool to be finished, at least one groove receiving a distal end of said tool or instrument for the purpose of finishing said distal end when said tool is moved relative to said groove, said at least one groove having an active, cutting surface for finishing said distal end, wherein said active, cutting surface comprises a curvilinear-shaped surface.

32. (Previously Presented) A finishing device for tools' surfaces comprising:  
a block designed to abrade, cut or otherwise finish surfaces of said tools, said block having at least two components which, when brought together, form a block structure;  
at least one groove formed in said block structure for receiving at least a portion of said tool or instrument for the purpose of finishing at least one surface of said tool when said tool is moved relative to said at least one groove;  
at least one negative image surface in said block structure of a portion of said tool to be finished for supporting said portion of said tool; and  
at least one cutting surface for finishing said at least one end of said tool, wherein said groove provides access to said cutting surface.

33. (Previously Presented) The finishing device for tools' surfaces of claim 32, further comprising a relief surface adjacent said cutting surface.

34. (Previously Presented) The finishing device for tools' surfaces of claim 33, wherein said relief surface is a negative image surface.

35. (Previously Presented) The finishing device for tools' surfaces of claim 33, wherein said relief surface captures cutting residues or discharging residues from said tool.

36. (Previously Presented) A finishing device for tools' surfaces comprising:  
a block designed to abrade, cut or otherwise finish surfaces of said tools, said block having at least two components which, when brought together, form a block structure;  
at least one groove formed in said block structure for receiving at least a portion of said tool or instrument for the purpose of finishing at least one surface of said tool when said tool is moved relative to said at least one groove;  
a negative image surface in said block structure of a portion of said tool to be finished;  
a relief surface for non-abrasively supporting a portion of said tool; and  
a cutting surface for finishing said distal end, wherein said groove provides access to said cutting surface.

37. (Previously Presented) The finishing device for tools' surfaces of claim 36, wherein said relief surface is formed on a surface of said groove.

38. (Previously Presented) The finishing device for tools' surfaces of claim 37, wherein the cutting surface is a negative image surface.

39. (Previously Presented) The finishing device for tools' surfaces of claim 37, wherein the relief surface is a negative image surface.

40. (Previously Presented) The finishing device for tools' surfaces of claim 36, wherein the relief surface is adjacent said cutting surface.

41. (Previously Presented) The finishing device for tools' surfaces of claim 36,  
wherein the relief surface is metal.

42. (Cancelled)